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IT CHANGES NO VOTES.

What Does Legislative Debate Amount To,

SAYS MR. REFERENDUM SULLIVAN,

Not a Single Vote is Ever Changed in Congress or Legislature by It.

"No sir, you don't catch me going to no referendum meetin," said a hoary headed Populist on the steps of the state house last night. "We had all the referendum we wanted in this election and I don't want to hear anything more about it."

J. W. Sullivan of New Jersey was to talk on the referendum at Representative hall and that is what roused the old Populist's ire. He thought of the Bennington-Corning combination. But Sullivan had never heard of Bennington nor Corning and did not know of the political significance of the term "referendum" to the average Populist.

Sullivan bears a slight resemblance to his notorious namesake, but his voice has not the same basso profundo tone nor are his fists as large by several degrees. He spoke for about an hour about the Initiative and Referendum, of which his friends say he is the father, so far as the idea in America is concerned.

He explained that his system meant that the people should be allowed to vote upon a question if they wished to, and not allowing the action of legislative bodies to be final. He said that the system was used in many towns in New England and was used in Shawano county at the recent election when the people voted on the question of whether the commissioners should sell the old court house site.

In speaking of legislative debates, he said very pertinently: "Did you ever hear of a vote—a partisan vote—being changed by debate in this hall? Did a Democrat ever convert a Republican, or vice versa?"

You never did, either here or anywhere else. Debate in legislative bodies is a farce. Representatives speak—not to the parties they address but to buncombe at home."

He said that nearly all the legislation enacted now is private legislation, and should be settled in the locality from which it emanates.

"People may call a politician a statesman," he said, "but he is probably only a ward politician, thrashing over the old worn out straw of past issues."

Mr. Sullivan is a printer, and still holds his membership in the typographical union.

WHENCE THIS MONEY.

Populists Want to Know Where Republican Campaign Fund Came From.

Assistant Secretary of State D. C. Zercher says:

"The Republican state central committee has not complied with the law in filing its statement with the county clerk. The treasurer of the committee in his report filed says he received all the money from Secretary Bristow, but we want to know where Secretary Bristow got the money."

COMBINATIONS DID IT.

John F. Willits Tells What Destroyed the Kansas Populists.

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"I shall do all I can to restore the Farmers' Alliance to its original condition," said Willits to a local reporter. "I, as its head, shall tolerate nothing which departs from the principles of our order. There will be no politics in the alliance from this on if I can possibly help it. It was allowed to drift into partisan politics a few years ago and now behold its condition. I have never believed that the alliance should be made in any sense partisan."

"Will you attempt to reorganize the alliance?"

"Yes sir, that is my purpose."

"Do you think it will ever become as large as it once was?"

"I cannot say, but I have great hopes for the organization when it is run on the lines set down in the constitution, that it shall not interfere with a member's religion or politics. We need Democrats and Republicans in the alliance just as well as politics, and when the people find that it is not being made a political machine, they will not be afraid to join it."

"Will the defeat of the Populists tend to help or destroy the organization?"

"I am of the opinion that it will help it. The result in the recent election will tend to destroy the intense partisanship of many people."

"Have you retired from politics?" asked the reporter cautiously.

Mr. Willits studied a moment. "Why I never was in politics," he replied, "I never sought a single office in my life. I never asked for a nomination. I did not go into the convention and ask for the nomination for governor, but it was given to me. In the caucus for United States senator when Peffer was named I was only beaten by one vote, and I had not done a bit of work, so I am no more in politics than I used to be and probably no less. I am not a candidate and never have been."

"What do you think, Mr. Willits, of the Populist defeat in Kansas?" next asked the reporter.

"Now, you know," he replied, "that is a rather delicate question for me, and I dislike to talk about it. When I was before the people I entirely refused to make any combinations of any kind, but it seems that others who came after me were perfectly willing to make any sort of combinations, and now they have the result. I have nothing more to say about it."

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WILKERSON WINS.
The Ex-Sheriff Makes a Successful Defense Against T. J. Callinan.

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The controversy is over the stock of the defunct Columbian Tailoring company. Callinan held a bill of sale on the stock for \$2,500, but the stock was attached by J. Cunningham of St. Louis, owner and creditors and Sheriff Wilkerson turned it over to Cunningham. Wilkerson was sued for \$3,000 damages, for the face value of the bill of sale and interest. Ralph Ingalls represented Callinan, and Welch & Wilson constitute Wilkerson's defense.

The jury was out half the day. At the former trial the jury disagreed.

A Remarkable Achievement in Railroad Affairs.

Was the running of the Exposition trolley, the famous twenty-hour train between Chicago and New York, via the Lake Shore route, in service during the World's fair. A handsome litho-water-color of this train may be secured by sending ten cents in silver to C. E. Wilber, Western Passenger Agent, Chicago.

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DR. BUCKLEY'S FATAL BOX.

He Has Had It Ten Years and Is Still Well and Happy.

An audience of about 900 ladies and gentlemen were highly entertained at First M. E. church last evening by Dr. J. M. Buckley, who delivered his lecture on "The Fatal Box and Other Superstitions."

The "Fatal Box" which Dr. Buckley told about was made of sandal wood and precious stones, and was first owned by the emperor of China, but it brought him bad luck in 1865, when his palace was destroyed when Peking was sacked by the French.

The box was next owned by a French officer who had been newly married and he was killed in the next engagement, leaving the box to his wife. The wife married her for her money and got away with all her property, leaving her husband in poverty, but still the owner of this box.

A wealthy American who lived on the Hudson above New York. Soon after the American gentleman became owner of the box, he lost most of his property and soon afterward died. His widow retained the box and with the valuable homestead left her and the life insurance provided by her husband, was in comfortable circumstances, but a villain married her for her money and got away with all her property, leaving her in poverty, but still the owner of this box.

A wealthy lady living in New York city, as an act of kindness purchased the box of the poor widow, paying a handsome price for it. Up to the time she became the owner of this box the lady had never been sick a day in her life, but she has not had a well day since.

About ten years ago this lady gave this box and its complete history to Dr. Buckley. He said he has had nothing but good luck ever since.

Dr. Buckley says the "Fatal Box" occupies a place on a center table in his parlor where his neighbors call to see it as frequently as they do to use his telephone. All this was told to show the foolishness of superstition.

Dr. Buckley lectured this morning on "The Consolatory Functions of a Pastor" and this afternoon on the "Different Methods of Speech."

Tonight Dr. S. E. Upham, president of Drow Theological seminary will lecture on "Sidney Smith."

ALLIANCE OFFICERS.

The State Alliance Completes Its Work and the Delegates Go Home.

Following are the new officers of the State alliance: John F. Willits of McLouth, president; Mrs. Emma Broadman of Osage county, vice president; J. B. French of Topeka, secretary and treasurer; S. M. Scott of Emporia, lecturer; Mrs. D. I. Furbeck of Topeka, chaplain; J. S. Elwood of Harvey county, doorkeeper; Mrs. E. W. Crum of Osage county, assistant doorkeeper; W. B. Gosche of Lyon county, steward.

J. F. Willits and Mrs. Alonzo Wardall of Topeka were elected delegates to the National alliance which meets at Raleigh N. C. in February.

R. H. Patterson of Osage county, H. N. Gaines of Saline county, and John G. One of Shawnee county were appointed to present the alliance demands to the legislature.

The meeting adjourned sine die last night.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

Major C. B. Maxwell returned yesterday from Denver.

Lewis Stair has returned from Ohio, and will again locate in North Topeka.

Eli Nadeau and James Brandon, of the reserve, were in the city last evening.

The National Reserve association installed officers last night for the ensuing term.

Adrian Sherman of Rossville, came down today to visit friends and attend the Oxford party tonight.

Golden Rule lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M., conferred two third degrees last night, after which a banquet was given.

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Kaw Valley lodge No. 23, A. O. U. W., has elected the following new officers:

C. Kaser, master workman; R. A. Wilson, foreman; J. E. Brown, overseer; I. E. McGrew, recorder; J. H. Maricham, janitor; Frank Smith, receiver; M. S. Evans, guide; Marion Owen, inside watch; I. Dake, outside watch; J. M. Bradley, past master. I. Dake was also elected trustee. E. E. Miller was elected representative to the grand lodge.

A fire occurred at Shorey about 6 o'clock last evening by which the residence of Wm. Sherwood was entirely destroyed. The household goods were saved. There was no one at home at the time and it is not known how the fire started but it is supposed to have originated from a bad stove. The loss is about \$700 partially covered by insurance. Mr. Sherwood is an employe at the reform school.

HARD 'FROST' FOR A CHIEF.

Omaha's Chief of Fire Department Gets a Severe Roasting.

OMAHA, Dec. 7.—As the result of the recent costly fire here, the leading insurance agents here have adopted the following resolution:

"It appears that many delays have occurred at recent large fires on the part of the fire forces in getting properly at work to fight the fires; that numerous accidents to the apparatus and implements used and to the fire hydrants have occurred, due, at least to some extent, to improper handling of the same; that some of the apparatus has at times not been put promptly into use, and that those in charge of fire have at times exhibited a want of proper knowledge of the buildings involved, their structure and their situation and relation to surrounding buildings."

"By reason of these facts and circumstances and others disclosed by the evidence we find that the fire department is deficient in organization, discipline and numbers. We recommend a complete reorganization of the fire department."

and to this end we recommend the engagement of a man of experience and reputation as an expert fire chief of the fire department and such assistants and additional force as may be required to handle promptly all of the apparatus and implements which the fire department may possess for the purpose of fighting fires."

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